objective to mainstream, to reintegrate women and child victims of commercial sexual exploitation. The Plan of Action has been sent to the State Governments/ UT Administrations for setting up mechanisms evolving a consultative and coordinated process in preparing the plans and programmes for the prevention, rescue rehabilitation and reintegration of women and child victims. Apart from ensuring the stricter enforcement of the provisions for the Indian Penal Code, the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, and the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986, the Government is attempting to bring about an over all improvement in the status of women and children, especially the girl child through better education, health care and economic empowerment of women.

(e) The information is awaited from the Government of Maharashtra.

Reprieve to Polluting Industrial Units in Delhi

*238. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: SHRI E BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Government of NCT of Delhi has decided to give a reprieve to 327 industrial untis that were served orders to be sealed in September 1999;

(b) if so, whether this steps is inviolation of a Supreme Court directive that all units, whose industrial effluents were polluting the river, directly or indirectly, be sealed;

(c) whether Government of NCT of Delhi has negotiated with these industrial units regarding land and financial support for relocating the units or installing effluent treatment plants;

(d) if so. the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BALLU): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 13.9.1999 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 725/94. directed the Government of NCT of Delhi to ensure that no industry, w.e.f. 1st November. 1999, discharges any industrial effluent into the river Yamuna directly or indirectly which does not conform to the prescribed parameters. Pursuant to the above order, the Govt, of NCT of Delhi closed down water polluting industrial units. Subsequently, some of these industrial units represented, stating that they have installed the effluent

treatment plants or have stopped the water polluting activities. On scrutiny of their representations, the Govt, of NCT of Delhi de-sealed 372 units for the purpose of verification of their claims and submission of monitoring report within a stipulated time. On this matter, no negotiations were held with the defaulting industrial units for the purpose of land and financial support. The matter is subjudice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Corruption charges against officials in DGHS

*239. SHRI FRIDA TOPNO:

SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several officials of the Medical Stores Organization of DGHS were charged for corruption during 1999;

(b) if so, whether only two individuals of this organization were suspended while several others were also charged but were not suspended; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for discriminatory attitude against these officials; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to immediately reinstate the individuals, in the public interest, as they are being paid from the public exchequer, without any work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N. T SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) During 1999, five officials of the Medical Stores organisation (MSO) (i.e. two Group 'A' and three Group 'B'), were charge-sheeted along with two doctors of the CHS Cadre and one official of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, in a case pertaining to procurement of medicines for Tihar Jail Hospital in 1994. The ministry suspended the four Group "A' officials, including the two officers of the MSO, for whom the competent authority was the Minister, the decision to suspend the Group 'B' officials in the MSO, as left to the DGHS, who is the competent authority in their cases.

(b) The matter is under consideration.